WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Visits made by Prime Minister

1860. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of official visits he had made during the past five years to each State and Union Territory in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): The number of official visits made by the Prime Minister to various States and Union Territories during the past five years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Visits made by the Prime Minister during the past five year to various States/Union Territories

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	No. of Visits
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	18
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4.	Assam	9
5.	Bihar	2
6.	Chandigarh	6
7.	Chhattisgarh	2
8.	Goa	3
9.	Gujarat	5
10.	Haryana	4
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	11
13.	Jharkhand	2
14.	Karnataka	5
15.	Kerala	6
16.	Madhya Pradesh	4
17.	Maharashtra	24
18.	Manipur	2
19.	Nagaland	1

1	2	3
20.	Orissa	2
21.	Pondicherry	1
22.	Punjab	5
23.	Rajasthan	5
24.	Tamil Nadu	12
25.	Tripura	1
26.	Uttar Pradesh	14
27.	Uttarakhand	5
28.	West Bengal	8

Enhancement of fitment multiplication factor

1861. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand/proposal by scientists and other staff working in the Department of Atomic Energy to enhance the fitment multiplication factor to 2.25 from 1.86 considering the need to attract best scientific talent in this highly sensitive technology sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering this demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when a decision regarding this would be taken and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a demand from Atomic Energy Workers and Staff Union, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay and BARC Employees' Association, Tarapur for grant of fitment benefit of 2.625 times of pre-revised basic pay to bring about a uniform rise in emoluments and raise grade pay to 50% of the maximum of the pre-revised scales in respect of PB 1, 2, and 3 as has been done in the case of PB 4.

(c) to (e) While Government is alive to the need to attract best scientific talent in this highly sensitive technology sector the demand/proposal by scientists and other staff working in Department of Atomic Energy in this form can not be accepted as this is not as per the recommendation of the VI Central Pay Commission as accepted by the Government.

(f) Does not arise.